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Bismarck Lodge

==== No. 419 =====

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 S. W.—W. S. FRASER
 J. W.—GEO. A. MITCHELL
 CHAPLAIN—DAVID VREELAND
 TREASURER—B. F. GEORGE
 SECRETARY—JAS. FRASER
 S. D.—JAS. CAMPBELL
 J. D.—DUNCAN FERGUSON
 D. OF C.—A. KIRKLAND
 I. G.—D. CAMPBELL
 STEWARDS { GEO. G. INGERSOLL
 EUGENE PHELPS
 TYLER—WILLIAM MITCHELL



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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSE

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CHARITABLE COMMITTEE

WILLIAM MCINTYRE L. F. ROSS GEO. DRAPER

SICK COMMITTEE

ROBERT ABRAHAM GEORGE MELLON JAS MARTIN

Charter Members

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J. B. WILSON

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♦♦♦PREAMBLE

Without order and regularity harmony cannot be preserved nor the business of Masonry properly conducted. Therefore the members of Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, have agreed to the following By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

DUTIES TO THE GRAND LODGE.

This Lodge will at all times pay respect and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Canada and to the rules and regulations made by said Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

ARTICLE III.

EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

Should a meeting of emergency be called for the general business of the Lodge, the expense shall be paid from the general fund; but if at the request of any brother for his private benefit or progress the sum of three dollars shall be paid by such brother previous to the meeting being called.

ARTICLE IV.

DISCUSSION.

When any business shall be brought before the Lodge for discussion every brother desirous of speaking shall, when he rises, address himself to the Worshipful Master, and no brother shall be permitted to speak twice on the same subject unless in explanation or by permission of the Worshipful Master or the mover in reply.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The officers of this ☐ shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided and shall hold their office for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly appointed and installed. The following officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in December, namely, W. M., S. W., J. W., Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary; and by an open vote of the Lodge the Tyler and two Auditors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 2.—The following officers shall be appointed by the W. M. on the regular meeting in January, viz., Senior and Junior Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard and two Stewards.

SCRUTINEERS.

SEC. 3.—The Master shall on the occasion of the election of officers appoint three brethren to be Scrutineers of the ballot. They shall examine the ballots and report the result to the Lodge, whereupon the Master shall declare the brother having a majority of all the members present duly elected.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 4.—The installation and investiture of officers shall take place on the regular meeting in January; and further that Article VII, Sec. 4. be amended as follows: The Committee of General Purposes shall consist of brethren appointed by the W. M. on the night of installation who shall superintend the finances of the Lodge and consider any special matter regarding its interests. When a candidate is proposed a separate committee shall be appointed by the W. M. to enquire into and report the character of the candidate. The Committee of General Purposes shall first hear and consider, &c.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.—THE SENIOR WARDEN.

SEC. 1.—Beyond the regular duties appertaining to his office he shall keep an inventory of the jewels, paraphernalia and furniture of the Lodge, cause them to be properly insured against loss by fire and especially see to their safe keeping.

THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

SEC. 2.—Beyond the regular duties appertaining to his office he shall attend to the necessary arrangements for refreshments on all ordinary occasions.

THE TREASURER.

SEC. 3.—The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of his receipts and disbursements and shall pay no money without an order from the secretary, and countersigned by the W. M., and shall produce all his books and vouchers at any time when called upon to do so by the lodge.

THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 4.—The Secretary shall be exempt from all lodge dues; issue all summons and notify all members of their dues semi-annually; keep the minutes of all lodge meetings; a register of members with date of admission, passing and raising; prepare and forward the Grand Lodge returns; receive all dues from the brethren and fees from the candidates for initiation or membership and pay the same to the treasurer, taking a receipt therefor; and countersign all orders voted by the lodge or charitable committee. He shall also furnish the lodge at the regular meeting in December with a report for the past year.

THE STEWARDS.

SEC. 5.—The stewards under the direction of the senior warden shall see to the safe and careful keeping of the jewels and furniture of the lodge, and, under the junior warden, shall have the arrangements and ordering of the refreshments.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

SEC. 6.—The director of ceremonies shall see that the lodge is properly prepared; that the brethren in the Lodge are clothed as prescribed in Book of Constitution and that every brother when in Lodge or at refreshments is placed according to his station.

THE INNER GUARD.

SEC. 7.—The Inner Guard shall attend all meetings punctually at the hour named in the summons to guard the interior of the Lodge and give directions to the Tyler.

THE TYLER.

SEC. 8.—The Tyler shall diligently watch the exterior of the Lodge; see that all candidates for admission are properly prepared; that all brethren register

their names and are properly clothed; that the furniture and ornaments are kept in good order, and perform such other duties as the Lodge or its officers may direct. He shall be a paid officer.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—Annually after the Master has been duly installed in the chair the following committees shall be appointed: viz, a Charitable committee and a Sick committee.

THE CHARITABLE COMMITTEE

SEC. 2.—The Charitable committee shall make instant enquiry on all applications for relief and report to the Lodge cases deserving aid and assistance. In cases of urgent necessity they shall make immediate report to the Master who may issue his order on the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

THE SICK COMMITTEE

SEC. 3.—The Sick committee shall make immediate enquiry in every case of sickness reported to them and acquaint the Master of all cases where it is possible to render assistance.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

SEC. 4.—The Board of General Purposes, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two experienced brothers to be nominated by the W. M. on the day of installation, shall superintend the finances of the Lodge and consider any special matter regarding its interests and shall enquire into and report on the character of every candidate. They shall first hear and consider all

subjects of Masonic complaints or irregularity respecting the members of the Lodge. They shall meet at least once every month or whenever summoned by the W. M. or S. W., or in the absence of both by the Junior Warden, who shall be presiding officer. All accounts shall be referred to the Board. Three members shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEMBERSHIP.—BALLOTING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—No person shall be initiated and no brother shall be admitted a member if on the ballot one black ball appear against him and no brother shall be made an honorary member unless elected by an unanimous ballot; but to prevent mistakes the Master may direct the ballot to be forthwith taken a second time.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 2.—Any brother desirous of resigning membership may notify the Secretary in writing or signify the same personally at a regular meeting and a certificate of his standing shall be furnished him by the Secretary.

READMISSION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 3.—Should any member resign he shall not be readmitted without a ballot and the regular joining fee.

ARTICLE IX.

FEEES AND DUES.

SEC. 1.—Every man before initiation shall pay twenty dollars, which sum shall be in full payment for the first degree of Ancient Masonry and shall include the fee for registration and Grand Lodge certificate.

JOINING MEMBERS.

SEC. 2.—Admission fee for a joining brother within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be \$2.50.

Any member joining from without the jurisdiction shall pay a fee of \$3.50.

A fellow-craft joining from another lodge shall pay a fee of \$8.00.

An entered apprentice joining from another lodge shall pay a fee of \$12.00.

Should such brothers require a Grand Lodge certificate he must pay the regular fees therefor beyond the above sums.

SEC. 3.—Each member of this lodge shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents per month from the date of initiation or joining.

ARTICLE X.

ARREARS OF DUES.

If the dues of any brother remain unpaid for twelve months, he having been furnished by the secretary with a special notice to that effect, and also a copy of this by-law, his name shall be read out in open lodge. If arrears are not then paid by next regular meeting he shall be summoned to attend to show cause why he should not be suspended.

ARTICLE XI.

DISPOSAL OF FUNDS, PROPERTY ETC.

SEC. 1.—No parts of the funds of this Lodge shall be expended except for monthly or other necessary expenses unless on a notice of motion be given at one regular meeting, when, if a majority of the members present approve, the expenditure may be incurred.

SEC. 2.—No portion of the jewels or paraphernalia or property of the Lodge shall be sold, alienated or in

any way disposed of without the unanimous consent of the members present at a meeting called especially for that purpose.

ARTICLE XII.

RULES OF ORDER.

FIRST—Reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last regular meeting and subsequent emergencies, if any.

SECOND—Report of the Board of General Purposes.

THIRD—Report of other committees.

FOURTH—Receiving petitions for initiations and affiliations.

FIFTH—Balloting, first for joining members and afterwards for candidates for initiation.

SIXTH—Receiving of communications and accounts.

SEVENTH—Reading names of brethren twelve months in arrears.

EIGHTH—Unfinished business.

NINTH—New business.

TENTH—Enquiry by W. M.: If any member of the Lodge or other brethren is sick or in distressed circumstances.

ELEVENTH—Conferring degrees.

ARTICLE XIII.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

No alteration shall be made in these by-laws unless by a notice of motion given at a regular meeting and inserted in the summons for the next regular communication, at which, if approved by the brethren and also by the Grand Master, will then become law.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE XIV.

BREACH OF BY-LAWS.

For the infraction of any of these by-laws, when not otherwise provided for, the offending brother shall be liable, by a vote of the lodge after being duly summoned and tried, to such punishment as the brethren then present shall deem fit and expedient and as is consistent with the constitution and the landmarks and principles of the Order.

ARTICLE XV.

SIGNING BY-LAWS.

Every candidate on initiation and every brother on joining must sign these by-laws and thereupon shall be presented with a copy.

Approved November 8, 1888.

(Signed)

RICHARD T. WALKHEM

Grand Master

Amendments approved September 23th, 1892.

(Signed,)

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Grand Master.

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